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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2114, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by redesignating subsection (b) to be subsection (a).

Section 49-6-2114 is further amended by adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

(b)

(1) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a), each school district or other entity transporting either special needs children or medically fragile children shall comply with the following requirements:

(A) Assure that personnel involved in the transport of medically fragile or other students at higher risk for health or safety concerns receive initial training and ongoing follow-up training to address general and specific health and safety concerns and procedures to follow in the event of a health or safety situation or emergency.

(B) Have clearly stated policies and procedures for responding to various health and safety situations or emergencies that might arise in the course of transporting students with special needs.

(C) Assure that buses or other vehicles used to transport medically fragile students are equipped or have immediate access to two-way radios, cellular phones or other means of

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communicating with school and emergency medical services in the event of a health or safety situation or emergency.

(D) Assure that buses or other vehicles used to transport medically fragile or other special needs students are equipped with basic first aid kits and supplies that would be available to drivers or aides to administer interventions prior to the arrival of emergency medical services personnel.

(2) Each school district or other entity transporting either special needs children or medically fragile children is urged to provide vehicles equipped with working air conditioners and heaters when transporting medically fragile students and students whose medical or developmental status puts them at risk for health problems due to extreme temperatures.

This recommendation applies to vehicles purchased after July 31, 2002.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring

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